

SUGAR MILLS IN FLORIDA.

Companies Formed that Will Erect Plants to Work Up the Local Cane.

From the Baltimore Herald.

Two companies are preparing to establish sugar refineries in Florida. The Florida Sugar Mill company will build a mill with a daily capacity of 150 tons at Orange Park, a suburb of Jacksonville. The plant is to cost \$100,000. The company owns a large sugar growing area and expects also to work up sugar cane raised by other farmers, who have heretofore converted their product into molasses. By their crude methods they have been able to extract only about 40 per cent of the saccharine matter, while the new mill will extract from 90 to 95 per cent. The farmers, therefore, will find the value of their product about doubled by using the mill. The company is urging them greatly to increase their acreage next year.

The other company is the Florida East Coast Commercial company, which is about to erect a refinery at Oak Hill, Volusia county, near the Atlantic, a considerable distance south of Jacksonville. The company intends to manufacture standard granulated sugar, its plant to cost about \$500,000. The managers of the enterprise hope to make sugar refining one of the large industries of Florida.

Thus Florida will be one of the few states that refine sugar. The refineries there will bear the same relation to the sugar industry of the country that most of the cotton mills of the south do to the cotton industry. The cotton mills derive their supply of fiber from the cotton fields immediately around them, just as Florida sugar refineries will depend for their raw material upon sugar cane grown not many miles from where the mills are situated. It is very different with the great refineries of the country which bring raw sugar many thousands of miles to be prepared for market in their establishments.

As the raw material for sugar refining in Florida will be limited, the total product of refined sugar will, of course, cut only a small figure in the aggregate output of the country. It has long been an axiom of the sugar business that refining can be very profitably conducted only by very large plants turning out an enormous product. The reason for this is that as the difference between the cost of raw and refined sugar is only about a cent a pound, the business cannot be profitable where raw sugar is brought from long distances unless an enormous quantity of sugar is refined. So the business thus far has been restricted in the United States mainly to a few mammoth refineries in the seaports of Brooklyn, Jersey City, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, New Orleans, and San Francisco, which draw upon all parts of the world for raw cane sugar, and also buy a portion of the raw product from the sugar beet farms of Europe.

From the Times-Union and Citizen:

The declared purpose of the Florida East Coast Commercial company to erect a sugar refinery on their property in Volusia county is another significant fact pointing to Florida's becoming an important sugar-producing state in the near future.

The Florida East Coast Commercial company has a capital of one million dollars. Its general offices are in the Continental Trust building, in the city of Baltimore, and the officers are, Geo. F. Jones, president; Frank H. Callaway, vice president; Miller R. Creighton, secretary; William W. Dix, treasurer, and I. S. Weaver, auditor.

The company owns a valuable property in Volusia county, known as the Lowe grant, and on this they intend to erect a sugar refinery during the fall of next year, 1902. The refinery will be located at Oak Hill, and it will manufacture standard granulated sugar.

Already the company is making preparations and it is stated that it is growing sugar cane now.

The importance of the establishment of this plant is great. It is a reasonable prediction that it will prove a powerful stimulus to the development of the sugar industry of Florida, and the progress of its operations will be watched with keen interest not only by Floridians, but those interested in the production of sugar cane and the manufacture of sugar in all parts of the country.

Winners at the State Fair.

Marion county was awarded the first prize of \$250 at the state fair at Jacksonville for the best collective exhibit, embracing all products. The judges gave Marion county 99½ points out of the possible 100. The order in which the counties stood for this award was: Marion 99½, Orange 91, Alachua 90, Lake 88½, Columbia 79½, Volusia 74, St. Johns 72, Suwannee 68½, DeSoto 62½. The prize of \$100 for the best horticultural exhibit was awarded to Dade county. The prize of \$100 for the best vegetable exhibit was awarded to Pasco county.

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Florida's Good Showing.

Times-Union and Citizen: Florida has long claimed to be one of the first of the southern states in common school education. The census of 1900 shows that claim to be well grounded. The following table shows the number of white males over 21 years of age, the number of illiterate males above that age and the percentage of illiteracy for each of the states south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers:

North Carolina, males over 21, 289,263; illiterate, 54,474; per cent. of illiterate, 18.8.

Louisiana, males over 21, 177,878; illiterate, 32,039; per cent. of illiterate, 18.0.

Tennessee, males over 21, 375,046; illiterate, 52,418; per cent. of illiterate, 14.0.

Kentucky, males over 21, 400,206; illiterate, 65,517; per cent. of illiterate, 14.0.

Alabama, males over 21, 232,294; illiterate, 31,614; per cent. of illiterate, 13.6.

South Carolina, males over 21, 130,375; illiterate, 15,865; per cent. of illiterate, 12.2.

Virginia, males over 21, 301,279; illiterate, 36,493; per cent. of illiterate, 12.1.

West Virginia, males over 21, 233,129; illiterate, 26,472; per cent. of illiterate, 11.9.

Georgia, males over 21, 277,496; illiterate, 32,458; per cent. of illiterate, 11.7.

Arkansas, males over 21, 226,597; illiterate, 23,523; per cent. of illiterate, 10.4.

Texas, males over 21, 599,961; illiterate, 51,790; per cent. of illiterate, 8.6.

Florida, males over 21, 7,962; illiterate, 6,558; per cent. of illiterate, 8.4.

Mississippi, males over 21, 150,530; illiterate, 12,293; per cent. of illiterate, 8.2.

It appears from these figures that illiteracy is lower in Florida among white males, and presumably among the white population, than in any state south of Potomac and the Ohio, except in Mississippi. The public schools in this state have been doing a work that is already showing in results, and our state is now beginning to take a stand in schools for higher education.

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State Republican Row.

Gainesville Cor. Jacksonville Metropolis.

A conference of three of the leading Republicans of Florida in Gainesville last Monday developed the fact that there is to be a contest within that party organization within the next few weeks.

Some of those who are associated with the party machinery in the memorable campaign of 1896 are now opposed to the manner in which the machinery is disposing of the federal patronage. E. R. Gunby, of Tampa, with all of the influence he wields, is out on the warpath against Messrs. Chubb and Robinson, of Gainesville, chairmen of the Republican state and congressional committees, respectively, and is making an effort to secure patronage for his friends.

Monday Mr. J. E. Stillman, of Pensacola, arrived in Gainesville and asked for the support of Messrs. Robinson and Chubb in holding the position of collector at Pensacola. It appears that a member of the famous Rough Riders, who lives in this state, is a candidate for that position, and that he is making an effort to get the job over the head of the present incumbent. The result of the conference was the assurance on the part of Messrs. Robinson and Chubb that they would suggest no changes. This assurance was given, despite the fact that Mr. Stillman was not supporting the Gunby Chubb Robinson combination a few months ago.

Mr. Gunby is now antagonistic to anything suggested by Messrs. Robinson and Chubb, and is making an effort to impair their influence with President Roosevelt.

It is apparent that there is a fight on now, and that there will be a general campaign inaugurated against all of the federal office-holders whose commissions will soon expire.

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Tampa's Fat Girl.

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AN HOUR WITH THE LATEST BOOKS

Miss Agnes Repplier's Story of Feline Life, Fiction and Adventure.

Special Correspondence of The Florida Star.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—To that increasing community of readers devoted to the study of animal life, particularly feline life and characteristics, Miss Agnes Repplier's latest book, "The Fireside Sphinx," will have a special charm and interest. It is written in her most entertaining vein, and those who have perused with delight her previous works can realize before they open its pages something of the entertainment that awaits them in this new volume. That Miss Repplier has a passion for cats became known to the public some years ago when "Agrippina" was published. This essay on her favorite cat was read on both continents and proclaimed to those who did not know the fact that if there was anything in the world that Miss Repplier loved more than another it was her cat and, therefore, all cats for its sake.

Besides a goodly number of real cats, sleek and handsome, Miss Repplier has at her apartments in this city perhaps the largest collection of cats carved in stone, porphyry or bronze or painted on paper or canvas to be found anywhere in the country. Surely if any one is competent to write about cats it is Miss Repplier. But she writes as intelligently and entertainingly about a good many other things besides cats. She was introduced into the inner circles of American letters by Thomas Bailey Aldrich through the pages of The Atlantic Monthly. She has read much, traveled some, and the gleanings of her reading and travels, dominated always by a strong and winning personality, have resulted in a half dozen sparkling and inimitable books. These books are in part reprints of essays which have appeared in The Atlantic, The Century, Scribner's, Harper's and other magazines.

As Christmas time approaches we find here, as elsewhere, conspicuously displayed on the shelves of the book shops the works of George Alfred Henry, who is pre-eminently the boys' favorite author on either side of the Atlantic. To the boy who delights in stories of the strenuous life of the camp and field no Christmas would be quite complete without its gift of "Henry books." Mr. Henry, who lives in London, is now sixty-nine years of age, but his marvelous powers of literary production continue unabated. In his youth he left Cambridge university to enter the Crimean war, and he has been a correspondent from the battlefield during most of the important European wars since then. This experience has fitted him for writing tales of military adventure, and there seems to be no end to his resources. This season's new "Henry books" are "With Roberts in Pretoria," "At the Point of the Bayonet" and "To Herat and Kabul."

A new novel in which frontier experience and adventure form an important part is "The Man From Glengarry," by Ralph A. Connor, author of "Black Rock" and "The Sky Pilot." In these his characters are miners and cowboys of the Canadian northwest, while in "The Man From Glengarry" he deals with the lumbermen of the Ottawa river region, the original source of his other types. It is now generally known that Ralph Connor's real name is Charles W. Gordon and that he is the pastor of a young and growing church at Winnipeg, Manitoba. His father and mother were Scotch Presbyterians, who came to the Canadian wilds forty years ago, and the son was born in the highland settlement of Glengarry. In the peninsular strip of eastern Ontario known as the Indian lands. It is in this region of his boyhood haunts that he has laid the scene of his new story.

Another story in which a lumber camp furnishes the setting for the principal scenes, though wholly different in treatment from Ralph Connor's picture of the logging camps of Canada, is "The Strength of the Hills," by Miss Florence Wilkinson. Her scene is laid in the Adirondacks, and the process of unfolding the character of her hero necessitates an ample and interesting description of a typical lumber camp in the woods of northern New York. Though there is no strong play of plot and counterplot, the story is one that holds the attention and engages the affections. Its characters show deep insight into human nature, and its descriptive passages evince an earnest love of nature.

Among recently published books of travel and adventure which seem destined to find appreciative readers in abundant numbers are "First Across the Continent," the story of the exploring expedition of Lewis and Clark in 1804-05, by Noah Brooks; "Arms and Arms," which gives the experiences of a university man in khaki, by Maurice Fitzgibbon, and "When We Destroyed the Gaspee," in the Stories of American History series, by James Otis.

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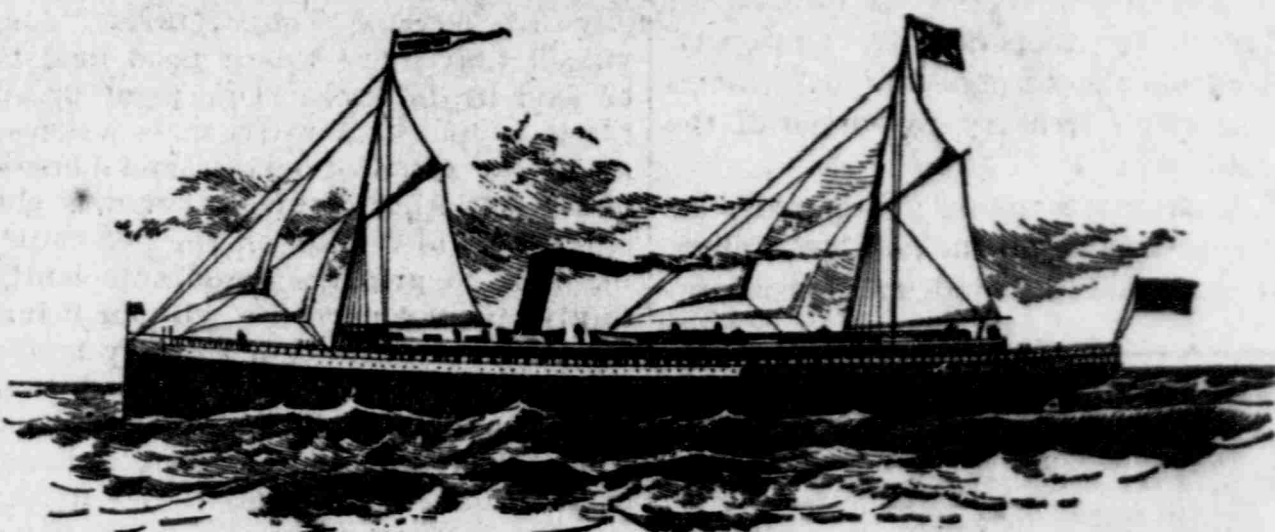
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